**From:** **Louis Flores** louis.py.flores@gmail.com
**Subject:** Re: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up
**Date:** October 11, 2019 at 09:42
**To:** Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP) LChaparro@manhattanbp.nyc.gov
**Cc:** Progress New York contact@progressnewyork.news, Mendez, Rosaura (ManhattanBP) RMendez@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, team@mg.fightfornycha.org, Chu, Hally (ManhattanBP) HChu@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, Mates, Jessica (ManhattanBP) JMates@manhattanbp.nyc.gov

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New York City is ready for a woman to be mayor, but unfortunately it won't be the Manhattan Beep, given how she runs her Office.

We will be letting the media and all the activists know through ever social media account and back channel we have at our disposal about how Gale Brewer is now 100% in with REBNY to make sure that nobody with a critical voice was named to the Working Group.

> On Oct 11, 2019, at 09:15, Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP) <LChaparro@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Louis,
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> Thanks for your e-mail. It was important for us to have a variety of viewpoints in our group of stakeholders and Fight for NYCHA certainly figured into how we formed the list. To that end, we included Mary McGee in the Working Group. Our office, along with others, felt it was important that members of the Working group be residents of the Fulton and Elliott-Chelsea campuses since the scope of the working group is limited to those two developments.
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> If you would like to participate in our public sessions, we will have several. Those will be announced shortly and we can be sure to send you the dates and locations once they are finalized.
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> Thanks,
> Lizette
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> **From:** Progress New York [contact@progressnewyork.news]
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:32 PM
> **To:** Louis Flores
> **Cc:** Mendez, Rosaura (ManhattanBP); Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP); team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Chu, Hally (ManhattanBP); Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP)
> **Subject:** RE: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up
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> Hi,
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> I heard that the Working Group has been formed.
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> LINK : https://patch.com/new-york/chelsea-ny/plan-demolish-rebuild-chelsea-nycha-site-spurs-working-group
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> Back in the summer, your office promised that a member of Fight For NYCHA could be named as a "Stakeholder." Because this is the "Mayor's" working group, I would respectfully like to request to be added as a delegate on behalf of the Borough President's Office.
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> There is not a lot of time here, and I am hoping you can appreciate the nature of this request, bc somebody has to stand up and speak truth to this sham working group and its members, which are heavily stacked to support RAD and gentrification of NYCHA.
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> Please urgently let me know if this is agreeable, due to time constraints, and when is the next mtg. of this working group.

Thank you.

-- Louis

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On Monday, September 9, 2019 7:44 AM, Louis Flores <louisflores@louisflores.com> wrote:

> Dear Hon. Mendez :
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> I received an out-of-office from Mr. Brian Lewis, and his message directed me to you.
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> I was just following-up to confirm that the Hon. Borough President will be appointing a member of Fight For NYCHA to the working group on RAD.
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> I would also like to know why Harborview is not being included in the working group, particularly since Manhattan CB4 is saying that all the $400 million has to be found for Fulton Houses, Elliott Houses, Chelsea Houses, and Harborview in order to avoid RAD and the sale of air rights. *See* attachment.
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> Thank you kindly.
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> Thanks,
> -- Louis
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On Sunday, September 8, 2019 5:52 PM, Progress New York
<contact@progressnewyork.news> wrote:

> Hi, Mr. Lewis :
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> I'm following up on our conference call from July.
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> I've received word that the working group is in the process of being named. As you will recall from our conference call in July, I had asked for Fight For NYCHA to have a seat in the working group, and you agreed. In addition to your agreement, FFN needs a seat, bc we are an important stakeholder, bc we are the only group pressing to find all the money for NYHCHA to stop RAD.
>
> Attached please find a draft "People's Budget," which serves as a visioning document for where the money can be found to fully-fund NYCHA. The important perspective we offer is that they money exists, it just requires legislation.
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> Please let me know that the Hon. Borough President can give Fight For NYCHA an appointment to the working group.
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> Thank you kindly,
> -- Louis
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> On Thursday, July 25, 2019 5:48 PM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP)

On Thursday, July 25, 2019 5:48 PM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) <BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Louis and Norman,

Thanks again for your patience through this process and for the call.

Please find attached the letter co-signed by our office calling for a pause to planning at Fulton and Chelsea-Elliott and calling for a working group to examine current and alternative revenue-generation proposals, comprised of tenant leaders at both Fulton and Elliot-Chelsea, elected officials, CB4 members and other relevant stakeholders.

Again, beyond what is written in the letter, I would like to reiterate that Gale does not support the demolition of public buildings.

IĄ¯m looking forward to receiving the GAO report and any other documentation you have in support of your position, especially any dealing with alternative revenue generation methods.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions and concerns. IĄ¯ll be sure to be in touch regarding moving forward.

Best,

Brian

**From:** Progress New York [mailto:contact@progressnewyork.news]
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 4:17 PM
**To:** Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP)
**Cc:** team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Norman Siegel; Chu, Hally (ManhattanBP); Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP)
**Subject:** RE: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up

Hi, Brian ĄĒ

Confirming 5:15 from our end. Please confirm from yours.

Thank you.

ĄĒ Louis

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On Wed, Jul 24, 2019 at 5:26 PM, Progress New York <contact@progressnewyork.news> wrote:

Ok. I can talk at 5:15 pm Tomorrow. I will see if Norman and at at least one tenant can join us for a preview t¨Ęl¨Ęphone call, so it can be manageable.

We are interested for a small group of tenants to meet with your team.

As stated, we see a possible way to work with the Borough President.

I will revert later tonight to confirm.

Thank you.

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On Wed, Jul 24, 2019 at 4:22 PM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) <BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Louis,

Apologies for the confusion, IĄ¯d like to call you first if possible. If you work a 9-5, I could talk from 5pm-6pm tomorrow, 7/25? IĄ¯m off on Friday, unfortunately.

Best,

Brian

**From:** Progress New York [mailto:contact@progressnewyork.news]
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 10:31 PM
**To:** Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP)
**Cc:** team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Norman Siegel; Chu, Hally (ManhattanBP); Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP)
**Subject:** RE: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up

Hi,

If this is the meeting with the tenants, this is not enough time for everybody, bc we want to

do an evening mtg., where about 10-15 tenants can join us for a round-table. We want to hear what you have to say.

If you want to do a call before we actually meet with the tenants, these times don't work for me, bc I work. But I can be free Friday from 9-9:30 am or 12-1 pm.

I see a way we can work together with the Borough President, so being able to speak with you is very important to me/us.

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On Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:58 PM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) <BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:

> Hi Louis,
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> Do you have a moment to chat sometime this week? My schedule is a little tight the rest of the week, the best times for me would be tomorrow at 2 or 4pm, or Thursday at 11am. If none of those times work, let me know and I may be able to make some time elsewhere the rest of the week.

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you!

Best,

Brian

**From:** Progress New York [mailto:contact@progressnewyork.news]
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:34 PM
**To:** Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP)
**Cc:** team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Norman Siegel; Chu, Hally (ManhattanBP); Chaparro, Lizette (ManhattanBP)
**Subject:** RE: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up

Hi,

The tenants of Fulton Houses voted on Sunday to approve this first meeting, as you have described. Because many tenants work, is there a way we have this meeting on a week-night at about 6 or 6:30 pm ?

We are pretty much free any week-night, except on Fridays (to be safe).

Please let us know a couple of days, and we will relay the dates to Fulton Tenants.

Thank you so much and looking forward.

Best personal regards,

-- Louis

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On Tuesday, July 9, 2019 2:35 PM, Progress New York <contact@progressnewyork.news> wrote:

> Hi,
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> Thank you. Let me take this back to tenants, and we will revert

Thank you. Let me take this back to tenants, and we will revert back early next week.

Best personal regards,

-- Louis

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On Monday, July 8, 2019 5:48 PM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) <BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:

> Hi Louis,
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> Would you and your colleagues be available to meet with myself, our housing policy analyst, and our land use analyst for CB4? WeĄ¯d like to speak with you to understand better how you would like our office to help in getting RAD conversion to go through ULURP, and potentially other means of assisting in bringing RAD under public review.
>
> That would help us in briefing Gale for a meeting with you all as well.

Who would be attending?

Best,
Brian

**From:** Progress New York [mailto:contact@progressnewyork.news]
**Sent:** Sunday, July 07, 2019 9:09 PM
**To:** Progress New York
**Cc:** Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP); team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Norman Siegel
**Subject:** RE: Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up

Hi,

Let us know if the Hon. Madame Borough President is available for a meeting this month with Fulton Houses tenants. We are greatly inspired by the successful court case at the Holmes Towers. We hope you can support subjecting RAD conversion of public housing under ULURP.

Looking forward to a meeting.

Thank you.

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On Monday, June 24, 2019 12:50 PM, Progress New York <contact@progressnewyork.news> wrote:

> Hi,
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> We are agreeable to a mtg. in July. If you can propose a couple of dates and times, so a meeting can work for everyone, that could be great. Thank you.
>
> Looking forward.
>
> Best regards,
>
> ĄĒ Louis

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On Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 11:45 AM, Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP) <BLewis@manhattanbp.nyc.gov> wrote:

> Hi Louis,
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> Thanks very much for your prompt follow-up. Would it be possible to have a meeting in July? In general, itĄ¯s very difficult to schedule a meeting with Gale within a week, and June tends to be her busiest month. Additionally, IĄ¯m on vacation beginning Wednesday until July the 5th, and I would like to be able to sit in on the meeting if possible.
>
> IĄ¯m checking in with our scheduler about July, but please let me know if thereĄ¯s any issue with this.
>
> Again, thanks for following-up so quickly, and thanks very much for clarifying the ULURP subversion question.
>
> Best

Best,

Brian

**From:** Louis Flores [mailto:louisflores@louisflores.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 3:02 PM
**To:** Lewis, Brian (ManhattanBP)
**Cc:** team@mg.fightfornycha.org; Norman Siegel
**Subject:** Fight For NYCHA : Chelsea Reform Dems Follow-Up

Hi, Mr. Lewis :

Thank you for coming up to me after the panel discussion and Q&A last Thursday night about the demolition and RAD conversion at Fulton Houses. As you know, the de Blasio administration is moving forward with the mass disposition of City real property managed by NYCHA by subverting ULURP, meaning, that taxpayers will have no say in the disposition of taxpayer-owned assets (City real property) as the Mayor converts public housing from Section 9 to Section 8, opening the door for private landlords to take over.

As mentioned during our brief talk, Mayor de Balsio did this in in 2014 (in his first year in office).

LINK :
https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/new-york-public-housing-privatization-councilwoman-rosie-mendez

We have been following intently how the Manhattan Borough President's Office has been opposing any real estate development on NYCHA real property that circumvents ULURP. If it is possible, can we meet or have a call next week, wherein we speak about the possibility of the Manhattan Borough President's Office issuing a public statement, opposing any transfer of City real property through RAD conversion of public housing, including at Fulton Houses, that does not go through ULURP ?

We would greatly appreciate an opportunity to speak again.

Thank you kindly.

Best personal regards,

-- Louis

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